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MISSOURI STREAM TEAM PO BOX 180 JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65102-0180

# Start a Missouri STREAM TEAM

and tackle the fun of protecting Missouri's waterways!



for Missouri's streams













## MISSOURI'S STREAMS NEED YOUR HELP



All Missourians rely on streams in one

way or another and many of our streams could use a little help. They need teams of people who love clean water, good fishing and healthy habitat to take care of them, year after year. That's why the Missouri Department of Conservation, the Department of Natural Resources and the Conservation Federation of Missouri joined to develop the Stream Team Program in 1989.

Promoting citizen awareness and involvement, Stream Team is a fun, hands-on program for people who want to learn about, care for and protect local waterways. If you're ready to start a Stream Team and tackle the fun of protecting Missouri's streams, just fill out and return the form on the next page.

Soon you'll receive information and opportunities for technical assistance that will help your team adopt a stream, assess its condition and make a game plan for taking care of it.

# ANYONE CAN START A STREAM TEAM

**Individuals and families:** If there's a stream in your community that you and your neighbors are concerned about, you can form a Stream Team to adopt it.

**Schools and youth groups:** Stream Team is a great way for schools, colleges and universities to teach students about stream ecology while restoring and protecting a local stream.

## Community, church or service group:

What better way to serve your community than by adopting, cleaning up and maintaining the health and beauty of a neighborhood waterway?







# What if there's already a STREAM TEAM IN MY COMMUNITY?

Before you start a Stream Team in your area, you might want to check and see if there's already a team you can join. Call (573) 522-4115, ext. 3591 or (800) 781-1989 (voice mail) to inquire. We can introduce you to existing teams or help you coordinate with others in your region.

## WE PROVIDE LOTS OF TRAINING AND SUPPORT



#### **Education**

Learning all you can about Missouri's 110,000 miles of flowing water is as easy as it is fun. Stream Team provides training and information to help you better understand our stream systems and the problems and opportunities they face.

#### **Stewardship**

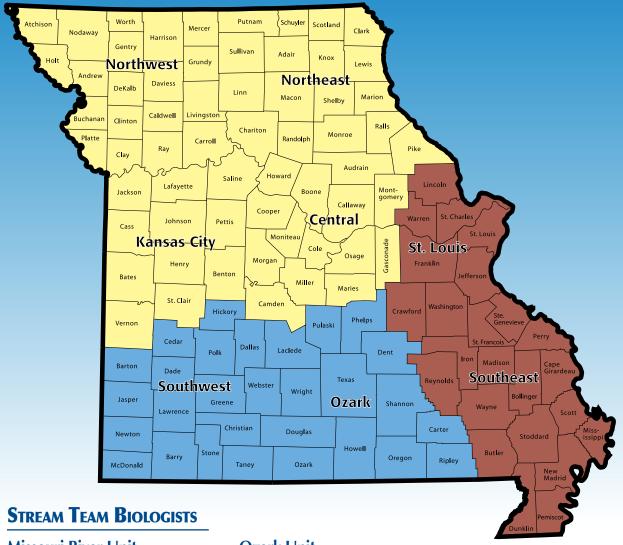
Hands-on projects such as litter control, stream bank stabilization, streamside tree planting, water quality monitoring and storm drain stenciling are all strategies in restoring and sustaining stream health. Stream Team can help you plan a project or match you with one from another agency or organization.

#### **Advocacy**

Speaking on behalf of your adopted stream when development projects or harmful activities tamper with them is not as difficult as you might think. Once you have gained firsthand knowledge of problems, solutions, and needs you will be able to speak out on behalf of Missouri's stream resources. You may want to write a letter, attend a meeting or find another way to advocate for your stream's health.

GETTING STARTED IS AS EASY AS SENDING IN YOUR REGISTRATION FORM!

# Don't hesitate to call the Stream Team biologist for your area if you have questions. See the list below and give us a call!





## WHERE CAN I GET MORE INFORMATION

1-800-781-1989 (voicemail) or (573) 751-4115, ext. 3591

#### You can also write to us at:

Stream Team P.O. Box 180 Jefferson City, MO 65102-0180

## Or e-mail us at:

streamteam@mdc.mo.gov

## Or visit our web site at:

www.mostreamteam.org

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Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, nationality, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 1-800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

## **REGISTRATION FORM**

REGISTRATION FORM	What activities are you interested in doing?	
Stream Team number	<ul> <li>□ Litter pickup on streams</li> <li>□ Storm drain stenciling</li> <li>□ Working with other groups in my watershed</li> <li>□ Other (please specify)</li> </ul>	☐ Water quality monitoring ☐ Stream management on ☐ rural land ☐ urban land
Our group is a Gramily School/youth Community, church group or service group	Take the Stream Team pledge As a Stream Team member, I promise to do the following:	
Most of us are	<ul> <li>Remember that I live in a watershed and anything I do in that watershed can affect a stream positively or negatively.</li> <li>Learn all I can about Missouri streams.</li> <li>Engage in activities that promote and preserve the health of Missouri streams.</li> <li>Conduct myself in a professional manner so that my actions do not affect negatively my Stream Team, other Stream Teams or the Stream Team program as a whole.</li> <li>Consider others' points of view regarding water resource issues; recognize that our state's waters serve many purposes, some of which may appear to conflict; and advocate for the health and values of Missouri streams based on good science and accurate data.</li> <li>Respect the property rights of private landowners and always ask permission before entering private land.</li> <li>Report my Stream Team activities so that my efforts can be included with all other Stream Team activities to show that we are making a difference locally and globally.</li> </ul>	
Exact location of adopted stream reach, from upstream to downstream. Example: "From Hwy. T bridge to Smith's Access" or "From Hwy. T bridge to 3 miles downstream."	(I agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Missouri Stream Team sponsors, office agents, and assigns from any and all liability for claims, demands, and actions from any and all volunteer activities in which I or my Stream Team group may participate	
Who else is on your Stream Team? (Attach extra sheet if necessary. Include members	wanting to receive mailings. Teachers, it is not neces	ssary to include your students' names.)
Name Address	City/State/ZIP	Phone